

### **REMARKS**

Claims 24-27 and 40-55 were pending in the application. Claims 24-26, 40-45, 47-51 and 54-55 were rejected and are canceled. Claims 27, 46, 52 and 53 stand objected to. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the objections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

### **ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER**

The Examiner states that claims 27, 46, 52 and 53 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Applicant has amended claim 27 to include the recitations of claim 24. Claim 46 is amended to include the recitations of claim 43. Claim 52 is amended to include the recitations of claim 50. Claim 53 depends from claim 52 and remains as previously presented. Therefore, claims 27, 46, 52 and 53 should now be in condition for allowance.

### **CONCLUSION**

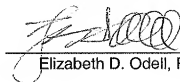
It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections and objections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (314) 726-7521.

Respectfully submitted,

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